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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Meeting with DD/I Representatives in re Central Interpretation Unit

1. On 7 November 1955, I met in the Administration Building with [redacted] for a preliminary exploration of the problems incident to the establishment by the DD/I of the CIU. As now envisioned, DD/I is planning on an initial unit staffed with some [redacted] individuals and 1500 sq. ft. of floor space. [redacted] inquired if I thought it would be feasible to use the Security Office facilities now at the disposal of Project AQUATONE for the clearances of the new staff personnel required by the CIU. I told him that I felt that our Security Staff had reached the limit of its capabilities in servicing AQUATONE and that this same group could not be required to take on the additional burden of clearing all of the people needed by the CIU. I suggested, and [redacted] agreed, that this clearance problem should be discussed with the Director of Security, [redacted] who would have to make the determination regarding which of his offices would supply security support.

2. [redacted] also inquired if it might be appropriate for the CIU to utilize AQUATONE material channels in the procurement of the various items required to equip the CIU. Again, I told him that the limited size of our material staff precluded levying such an augmented requirement on them but that I felt sure we would be happy to help in any way that we could in the solution of his procurement problems. I did suggest that they assess their own material requirements and discuss them with [redacted] as a separate activity from AQUATONE.

3. [redacted] estimates that they will target for completion of the CIU by 15 April but with the hope that they will not be called upon for a full-scale exploitation effort until 1 June. They are now planning to obtain a top-level Administrative Officer for immediate use in framing a Table of Organization and in generally getting the project underway. [redacted] did mention that the minimcard problem was being approached with a view toward consolidating any requirements engendered by AQUATONE with other requirements existing within the Agency for similar equipment.

4. At the conclusion of our discussion, in response to a request by [redacted] I asked [redacted] if he would explore the DD/I ranks to see if there were any qualified candidates for the position of Deputy Base Commander for Detachment A, which position was vacated on 7 November by [redacted] as the result of a decision by [redacted]

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